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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Title: CIRCUITS AND METHODS FOR A RING NETWORK

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Prior to taking the above-identified application under consideration, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the Title, please insert the paragraph, --This Application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/915,919 filed August 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,154,462.--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1, and add new claims 52-82, as provided below:

52. (NEW) A ring network for transporting data packets between network devices, the ring network comprising:

a number of ring switches, each ring switch having at one ring port, at least one local port and at least one table that is adapted to self learn which network devices are associated with each port of the ring switch based on source addresses of packets processed by the ring switch;

the at least one ring port of each ring switch being coupled to a ring port of another ring switch in the ring network;

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